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14 Day Stay Limit at National Forests Campgrounds And Dispersed Areas

Springerville, AZ; February 2, 2016— With spring hunts coming up and warmer weather right around the corner, we are reminding people of the 14-day stay limit on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs).

Camping or occupancy in any dispersed areas by any person or group for more than fourteen (14) days is prohibited. Camping or occupancy on ASNFs by the same individual or group may not occur again for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days thereafter. Dispersed camping is allowed throughout the forests year round with the same (14) days stay limit. Dispersed camping is with no water or trash services, so it is “pack it in and pack it out.”

Camping or occupancy in any developed campground by any person or group for more than fourteen (14) days is prohibited. Camping or occupancy by the same person or group may not occur again for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days thereafter.

These restrictions also apply to camping equipment. Camping equipment may not remain in place longer than the stay limit, even if used by a different person or group. Camping equipment must be removed by the end of the fourteen (14) day stay limit, or the equipment may be impounded.

The forests are home to many animal species, and you are just a visitor. You would not want them coming into your home and trashing it, so don't do it to theirs. The cost of cleaning up after messy campers is enormous, leaving less funding for worthwhile projects. Before you leave, clean your camping area; don't leave papers or other garbage in the fire area.

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